

## FOR THE FAIR SEX.

Some Hints in Dress Effects for Tall and Short Women.

Both tall and short women are under obligations to the prevailing styles of dress. They are such as can be readily made becoming to either the stately, the petite, or the medium-sized woman. Let short women beware of very long, flared skirts, and of many ruffles, flounces, or trimmings of any kind, running horizontally around the dress. Anything that breaks the continuous lines from the shoulder or neck to the bottom of the skirt should be avoided by the petite young lady. Placing down the front of the skirt, straight narrow waistcoats, and beques that are either very long or with very long points back and front, and long pointed panel draperies, and long square trains, will give an appearance of height to the short, and should be avoided by the tall woman. Short girls should not wear square, Pompadour cut collars. Their short necks will seem longer, and their pump poms longer and steeper. A corse opening, en chape, and with long points or beques below the waist line. One deep slit with a plait at the bottom of their skirts is all the trimming allowable at that point.

A plastron extending from the foot in front, with deep plaits is a welcome on each side and long side goes slightly wrinkled in front, will assist in giving the effect of slenderness and length. Long draperies, sweeping in diagonal lines backward from the waist line in front, assist in creating this illusion. Very low waists and wide belts show women should not wear; and their sleeves should be either very long or very short.

Tall women should seek effects the reverse of this. Their skirts may be adorned with many ruffles, which may be made stiff, with shirring and narrow knife-blade plaits. Square Pompadour collars, elbow sleeves, bouffant cuffs, waistcoats of varying widths at different points of the corse, enclosed under jackets with wide and deeply cut reverses and large cuffs, and large cuffs on the sleeves when long sleeves are worn, and horizontal effects in draperies and parts of the toilets, will have the effect of shortening the apparent height. The panels may be draped high, and the back draperies looped behind. Short round skirts may be worn to advantage, and the train when long for ceremonious toilet, should be elaborately trimmed. Scarf draperies too, may be applied to tall women to apply the rules deducible from these general hints in the composition of their toilets. —New York Sun.

## New Wool Goods.

The new wool goods are pliable and of light weight, yet give the effect of thick, heavy fabrics. For plain costumes, made entirely of one fabric, there are cloths like "cuttings," with indistinct threads, lines and checks of many colors mingled, and presenting the effect of self-colored stuffs. In fine wool, and double width, these are \$3.50 a yard. In the same class is the Majestic camel-hair, in two shaded stripes of dark contrasting colors, such as old gold with the darkest Japanese blue, or with garnet, green or brown. There are various shades of wool goods. Some are plain ground, others are patterned, with square woven threads, and others are pekina, having very small stripes. Red and green, green and blue, are a favorite combination, as it is shown in changeable fabrics of all qualities. Plain colored goods, in new shades of blue, green, brown, and green, are imported in Chudai stripes of zigzag weaving, in mummy cloth, and in small square figures, in crinkled drapes, in res, as res, like velvet and corded, or else lengthwise, as in Biarritz cloths, and in the heaviest twilled camel-hair cloths, as well as those of light quality, like cambrics. All such goods are made in double width, according to their weight and fineness, from \$1.50 a yard to \$3.50. —Harper's Bazar.

## Wreath Wedding Customs.

Weddings in Urua, Central Africa, last three or four days. Commander Cameron attended one of them. The people in the village were there, he says. Some men blowing pipes and beating drums stood in the center of a great circle of people who danced around them, groaning and howling and making a great noise. This was kept up day and night. Suddenly, at the end of the third day, the bride came out of a hut dressed in all the finery the village could muster. She wore a small crown made of a pile of feathers which had been given to the chief, and was adorned with feathers, beads and shells. She was carried on the shoulders of the bridegroom, and supported by a woman on each side. Being brought into the midst of the dancing people she jumped up and down on the shoulders of the women. A number of beads and shells were given to her which she scattered about indiscriminately, as the people scrambled for them, as they were considered to possess some virtue as charms. The jumping up and down of the bride was carried on so energetically that the bride was completely worn out on the shoulders of the woman who carried her. Then the husband, a great big fellow, came in, picked up his bride and put her under his arm and walked off with her.

## Novel Bird-catchers.

A novel class of thieves have made their appearance in Central Park, New York. One night not long ago, while Patrolman Morgan was on duty near the Ninety-seventh street road, he discovered men loitering on the edge of the thoroughfare, each carrying a bag. When the officer approached them they ran away. He pursued, and was about capturing one of them when he was brought to a standstill by something sharp sticking in his eye. Blood dripped from a slight cut, but he saw nothing by which he could account for the occurrence. He turned and saw a man, when he was again compelled to stop under the same circumstances as before.

This time a slight gash was in his forehead. The mysterious persons had by this time made "good" their escape, and Morgan turned his attention to his injuries. By mere accident, he discovered a clothline stretched across the road between two poles about four inches in length, to which were attached very small fishhooks, were fastened to the line at intervals of every six inches. The hooks were baited with pieces of fish and oyster meats. Sergeant Gail, who was in command, explained the mystery by saying that the persons were undoubtedly fishing for birds. Orders were given to the police to keep a sharp lookout for such thieves in future.

A carpet dealer in Burlington advertises that he has Brussels carpet that can't be beat. "That's the kind we want at our house. Send us half a dozen. You may lose the change—no take."

## SUMMARY OF NEWS.

Eastern and Middle States.

At a late meeting of the Tammany delegates to the recent New York State Democratic Convention it was resolved to support all the nominees of that convention excepting Robinson for Governor. For that office the Tammanyites resolved to support John Kelly.

An explosion occurred the other day at the Quaker City Oil Works, in Philadelphia, and George J. Keady, a son of the proprietor, was killed, and Andrew Henry, another son, and James Stanger, a machinist, were probably fatally injured. The works had just been erected, and were being set up for the first time in the building of oil by a new process.

At the Massachusetts Republican State Convention, held in Worcester, Alexander H. Bullock presided over the 1,153 delegates present. On an informal ballot for Governor John D. Long received 600 votes to 400 for Henry L. Pierce and 1 for Charles Dwyer and Mr. Long was thereupon named the candidate of the convention by acclamation. Byron Weston was nominated for lieutenant governor, and the other places on the ticket were filled by remanifestation of the present State officers.

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Berry Russell, president of the New Orleans Bank of Lafayette, now in liquidation, has been arrested, charged with embezzling \$15,000 of the bank's money, and sent to jail.

The present panic in Virginia is said to be the best ever raised in the State.

James O. Jenkins, a prominent lawyer and politician of Milwaukee, has been nominated for Governor of Wisconsin, at the Democratic State Convention.

The Colorado Republican State Convention in Denver, nominated William E. Beck for Judge of the Supreme Court.

The Indians have been murdering and robbing in Southern New Mexico. A dispatch received from Captain Hooker at Grants says: "We had a five hour fight with 100 Indians. The whites had ten killed and several wounded and lost all their horses. Upon application to the War Department, the commanding of the arsenal at Fort Union, New Mexico, was directed to issue muskets and as much ammunition to Governor Wallace as he may call for, not to exceed 300 rifles and 1,000,000 cartridges."

At Bayona Chico, La., a shooting affray occurred between a party of Americans and a party of Mexicans. The Americans were shot—Edward W. Graham being instantly killed and Richard Nash dangerously wounded.

The bolter of the tug O. W. Parker exploded off Lincoln Park, Chicago, killing Robert L. Lay, the captain, John Callahan, the engineer, Peter Rogers, the fireman, and William Burton, the cook. William McGuire, the ship's surgeon, was badly injured, and Richard Nash, the ship's doctor, was killed.

The Secretary of the Treasury has issued a circular stating that gold coins beyond the needs of the government should be sold to the public. The Treasury is desirous of getting rid of the surplus gold, and is offering it for sale at a discount of 10 per cent.

The annual report of the Postmaster-General for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1878, shows that during the year 1,075 post-offices were established and 1,075 were discontinued. The total number of offices in operation June 30, 1878, was 40,772.

The slaves on the plantations near Santiago de Cuba, Cuba, have demanded liberty, and the planters have promised to free them if they will engage to work three years for wages. Many slaves are running away, and the local authorities have asked Captain Blanco what they shall do.

The military correspondence of the London Times writes from India: "It is difficult, in the face of the overwhelming evidence to the contrary, to believe that Yabok Khan has gained a honorable place in the recent shaming of the British. It is a significant fact that Yabok Khan's principal assistant is believed to have died a short time before the outbreak of the rebellion."

There is a gold fever in Nova Scotia. In Queens county five specimens continue to be found in the bed of the river, and the prospect of gold mining company, with a capital of \$200,000, has been formed.

A dispatch from Cape Town, South Africa, reports the capture of Ceteywayo, king of the Basuto. Some days before his capture Ceteywayo had been shot by a British soldier. He was taken to the hospital, but died before he could be removed.

There has been a bloody outbreak of Afghan revolutionaries in Herat, Afghanistan. The British government has sent a force to suppress the rebellion, and the Afghan government has declared its independence.

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